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25mm Gun System for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF)



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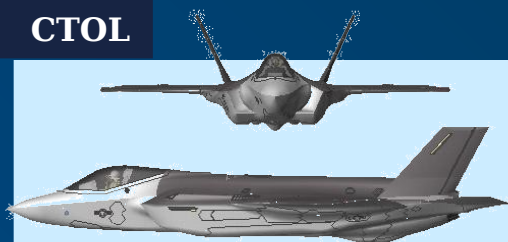
Presentation Outline

- JSF Program Overview
- Key System Requirements
- Technical Approach
 - Internal Gun System (CTOL)
 - ▢ Missionized Gun System (CV & STOVL)
- Status
- Path Forward

Lockheed Martin F-35 Variants



CTOL



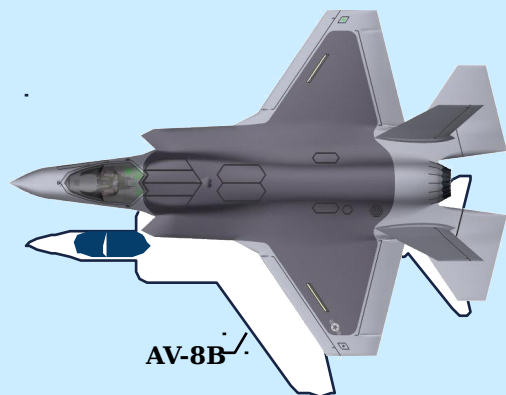
Span (ft)	35
Length (ft)	50.5
Wing Area (ft ²)	460



STOVL



Span (ft)	35
Length (ft)	50.5
Wing Area (ft ²)	460



CV



Span (ft)	43
Length (ft)	50.8
Wing Area (ft ²)	620



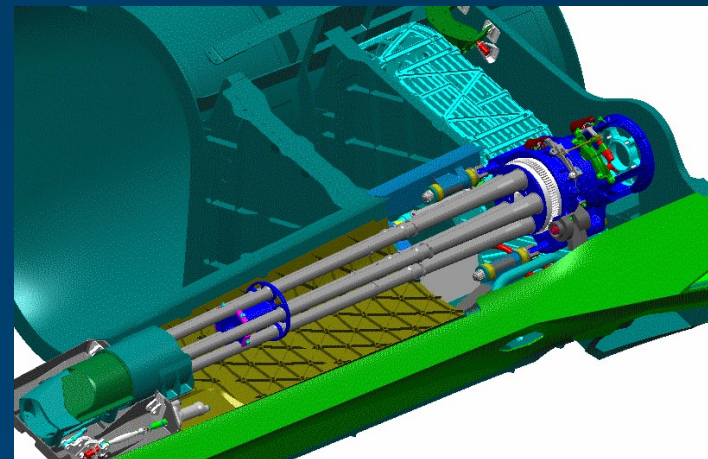
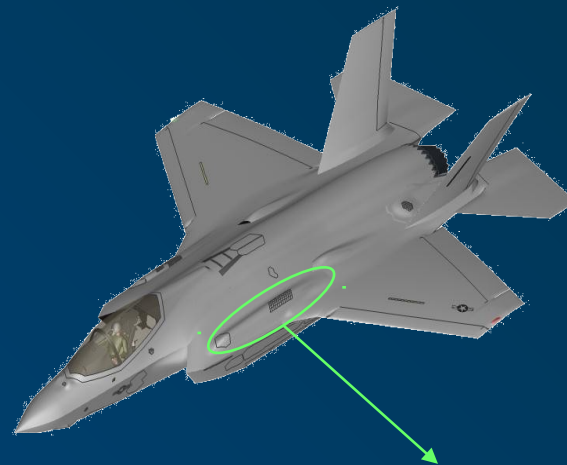


Major Technical Requirements

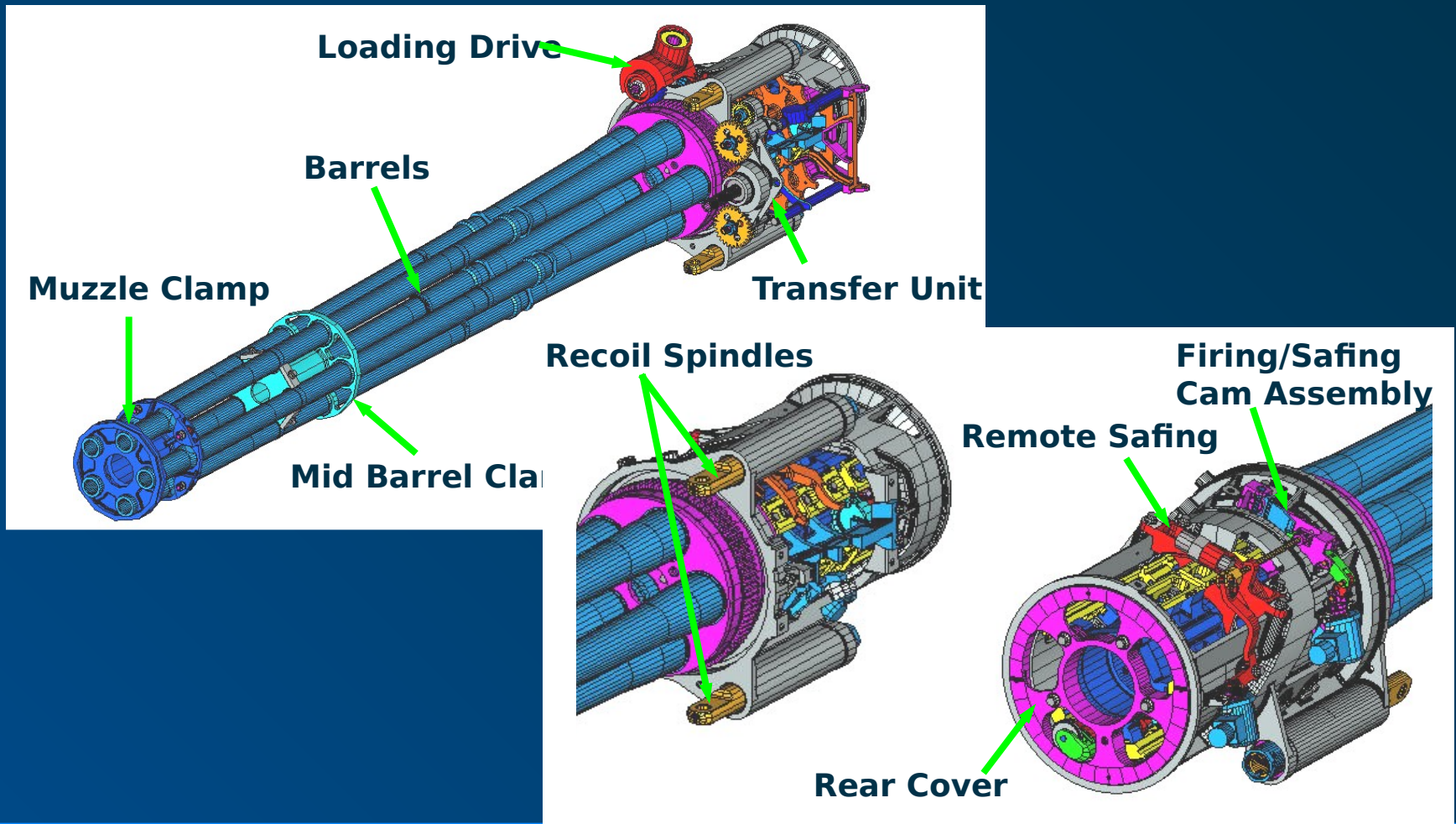
- 25mm GAU-12 gun firing at 4000 spm
- Compatible with the following ammunition:
 - PGU-23/U Target Practice (TP)
 - ▢ PGU-20/U Armor Piercing Incendiary (API)
 - ▢ PGU-25/U High Explosive Incendiary (HEI)
- Linkless Ammunition Handling System
 - ▢ CTOL: 180 rounds, STOVL/CV: 220 rounds
- GSCU controls gun functions and operation of doors
- Reverse clearing gun
- 2-level maintenance
- Common loader for both system types

CTOL Gun System

- Ammunition Capacity: 182 rounds
- Modified GAU-12 gun
- Linear linkless AHS, clamshell carrier
- 4000 psi hydraulic drive
- AV-8 style transfer unit, turnaround unit, flex chutes and conveyors
- New GSCU & Loader



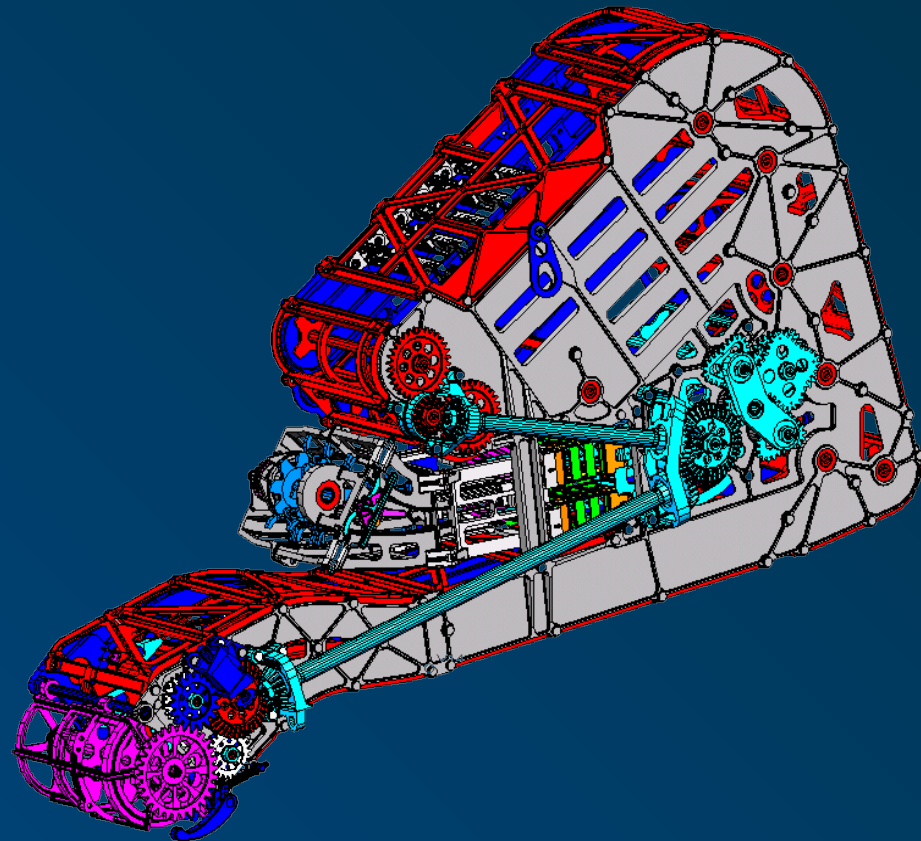
Gun Modifications to GAU-12/U



CTOL Gun System Ammunition Handling System



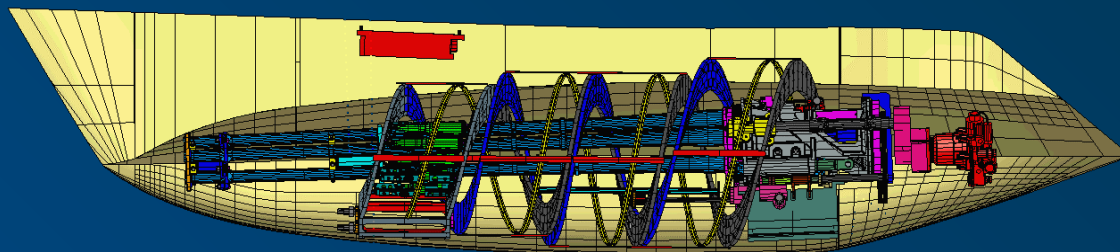
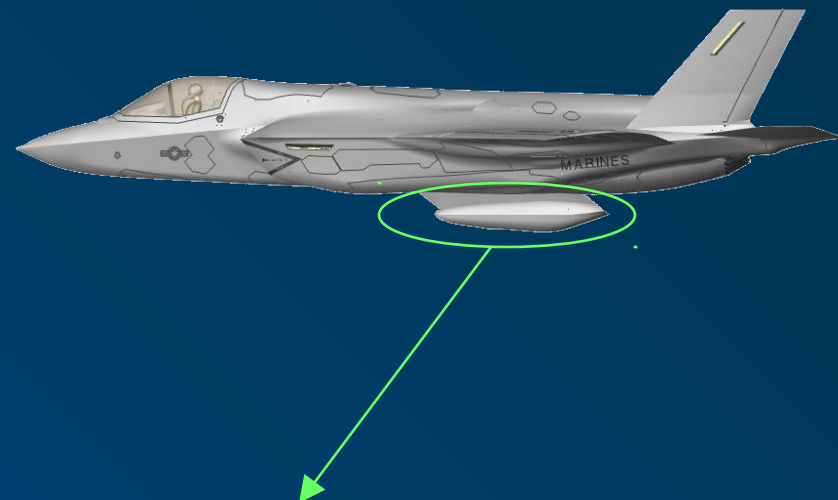
- Linear Linkless System in Serpentine Arrangement
- Proven Clamshell Conveyor Based on F-15E Design
- Elliptically Geared Handoff Unit
- Positive Round control for High Reliability



STOVL Gun System



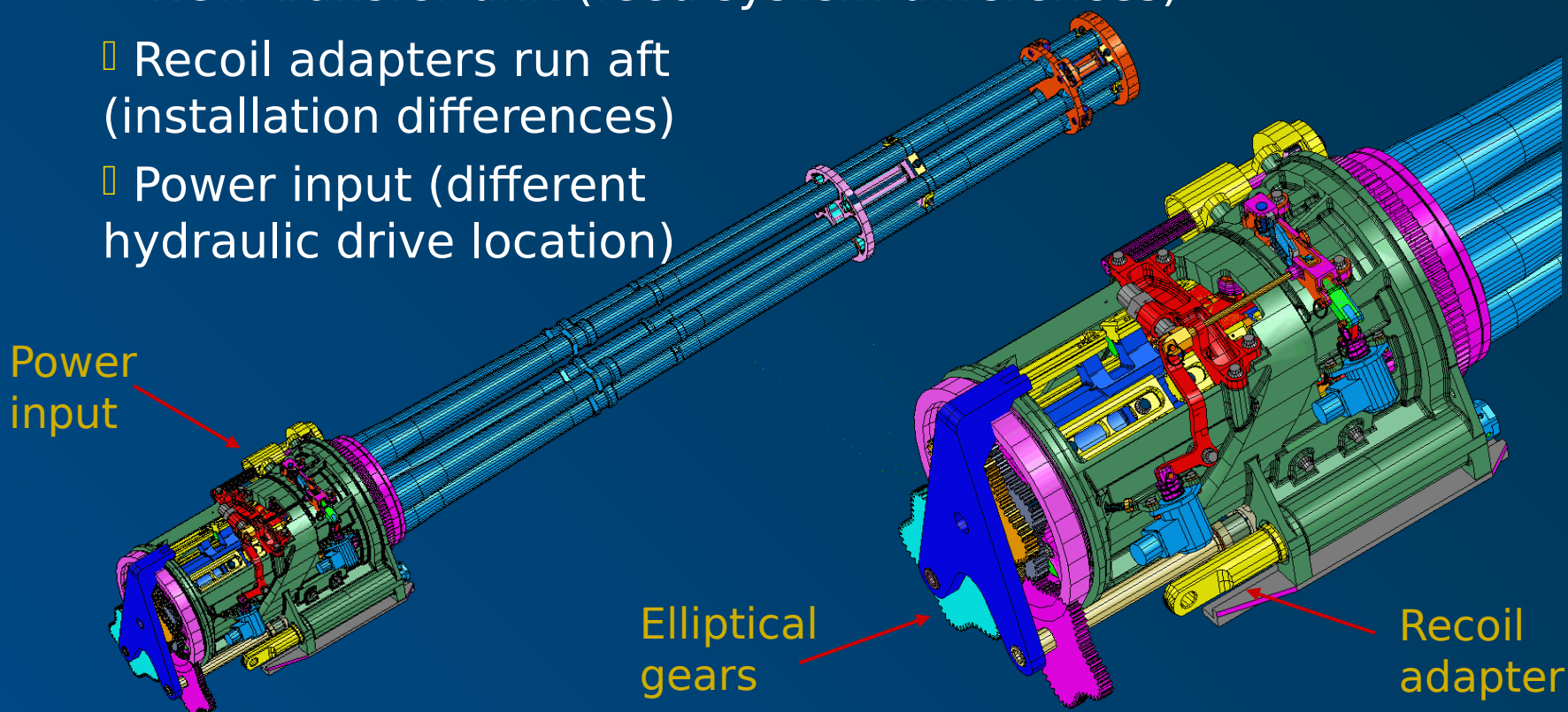
- Ammunition Capacity: 220 rounds
- Common hydraulic drive, GSCU, Loader
- Modified CTOL Gun
- Helical Ammunition Handling System (AHS) similar to GPU-5/A
- Unique transfer unit, turnaround unit



STOVL/CV Gun Modifications



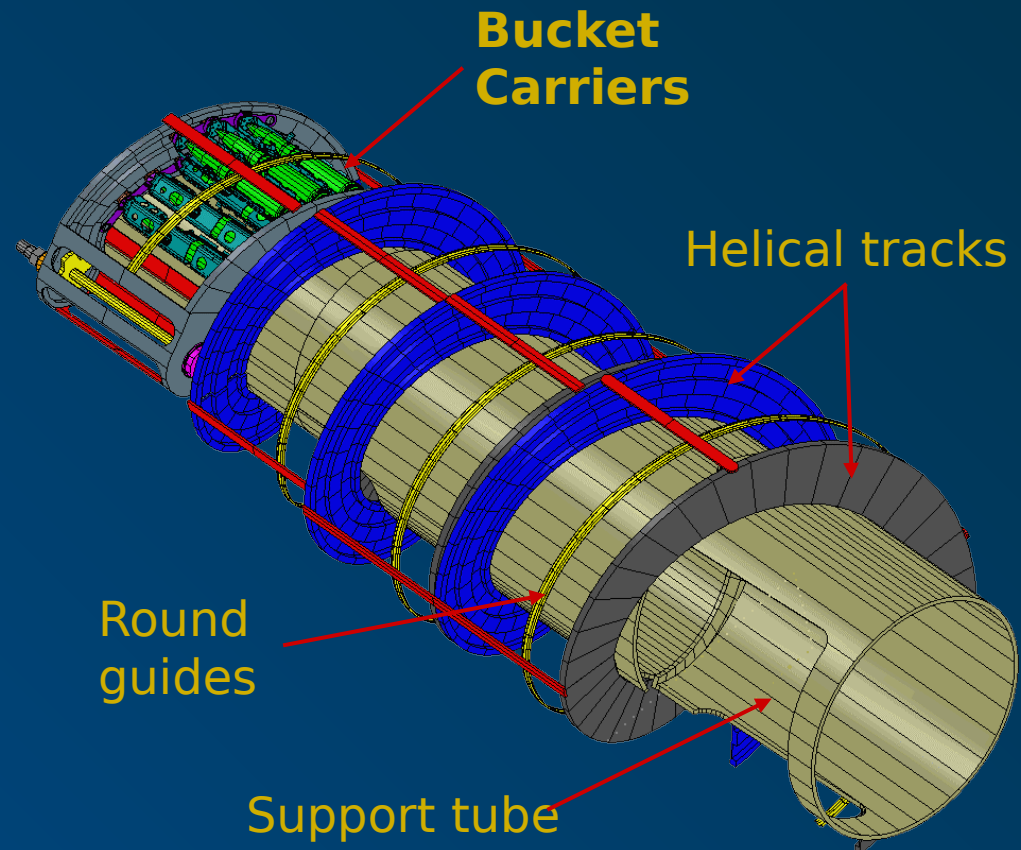
- Identical to CTOL with the following exceptions:
 - New transfer unit (feed system differences)
 - ▢ Recoil adapters run aft (installation differences)
 - ▢ Power input (different hydraulic drive location)



STOVL Gun System Ammunition Handling System



- Linear Linkless System in Helical Arrangement
- Proven Bucket Carrier based on GPU-5/A Design
- Positive Round Control for High Reliability

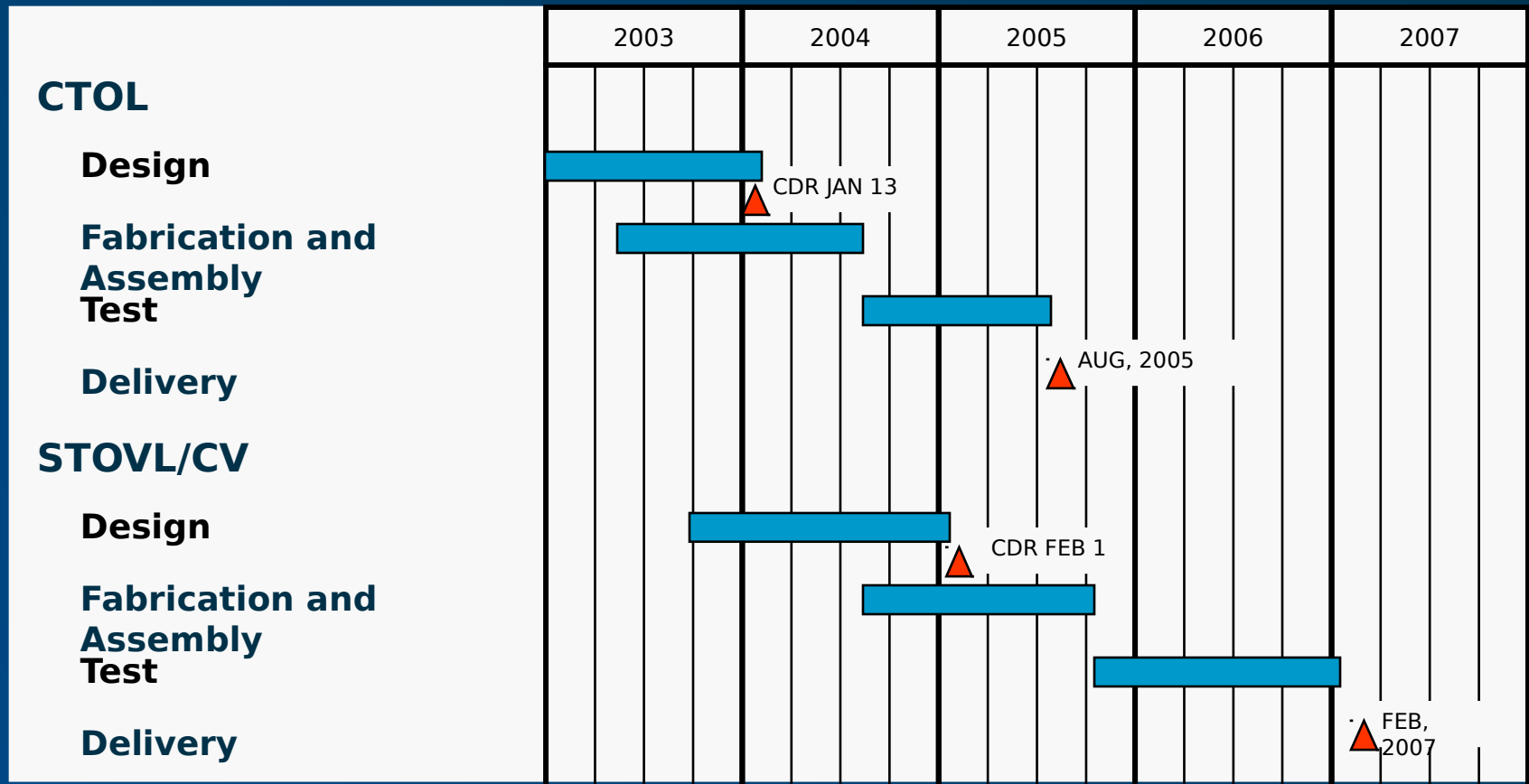




Challenges

- Short Design Cycle
 - ▮ Use AV-8 designs where possible
 - ▮ Rapid prototyping for long lead castings
- Aggressive Schedule for Delivery
 - ▮ Release CTOL Units 3 & 4 before Engineering test is complete
- Overlap of CTOL and STOVL/CV Schedules

JSF Gun System Master Schedule





Program Status

- Loader QFD ☒
- System Requirements Review ☒
- CTOL Preliminary Design Review ☒
- CTOL Critical Design Review ☒
- All CTOL parts placed on order ☒
- STOVL/CV System Design Review ☒

Path Forward Prior to the 2005 Guns & Ammo Symposium



- Assemble and Debug CTOL SDD Systems 1 & 2
- Complete 10,000 Round Engineering Test on CTOL SDD System 1
- Begin 30,000 Round Qual test on SDD System 1
- Begin Environmental Qual on SDD System 2
- Complete STOVL/CV Critical Design Review

